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Dear Ms. Hanlon,

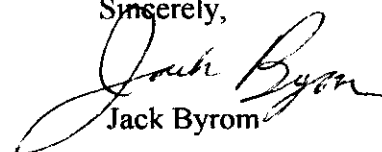
The Department of Energy apparently is about ready to force Yucca Mountain upon the U.S. public. I know you are just a cog in a wheel, but I am telling you that the Yucca Mountain project is a plan for disaster, and you must do what you can to address the concerns of the public. You can tell Spencer Abraham that if he rams this through, he will be held accountable when things go wrong. I am sure Osama Bin Laden would love to have some of his operatives hit a semi-truck full of high-level nuclear waste that is going through, say, downtown Salt Lake City on I-80. The DOE can't ever tell us that terrorists will not consider cross-country nuke waste shipments as worthy targets. Terrorists have shown us recently that nothing is considered sacred, and I urge the DOE to reconsider this plan in light of the events of 9-11-01.

The DOE is going to put high-level nuclear waste on top of an aquifer? Brilliant, I say, brilliant. Don't forget the earthquake fault, either. Your engineers must all be paid well. It is my opinion that they are making a huge mistake here.

Those that made the waste (the big utilities) can keep the waste where they made it. American Electric Power company here in Ohio produced tons of high-level nuclear waste, and I, a resident and customer of AEP in Ohio, do not want that waste shipped anywhere. Why is the DOE and treating the state of Nevada as if it is nothing but a trash dump? The DOE (and successive presidents, to be fair) has irradiated Nevada residents of Nevada for decades, and the time has come for all of you to stop treating this state like a nuclear dumpster.

Yucca Mountain is nothing but a recipe for disaster, and I implore you and Secretary Abraham to consider that you may be responsible for creating an ecological nightmare, in and beyond Nevada. Please don't open this site to nuclear waste shipments. I apologize for the rude tone of this letter, but I know of no other way to get my strong feelings expressed to a stranger.

Sincerely,


Jack Byrom

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